



**Minutes**  
**Council meeting**  
**Municipality of West Grey**

**Tuesday, June 15, 2021, 6 p.m.**  
**Virtual meeting**

Council members present: Mayor Christine Robinson, Deputy Mayor Tom Hutchinson, Councillor Beth Hamilton, Councillor Doug Hutchinson, Councillor Geoffrey Shea, Councillor Stephen Townsend

Council members absent: Councillor Rebecca Hergert

Staff members present: CAO/Deputy Clerk Laura Johnston, Director of Administration/Clerk Genevieve Scharback, Director of Infrastructure and Public Works Vance Czerwinski, Recreation Supervisor Kodey Hewlett, Director of Finance/Treasurer Kerri Mighton, Director of Development/CBO Karl Schipprack, Manager Planning & Development Lorelie Spencer, Legislative Coordinator, Tanya Patterson

**1. Call to Order**

Mayor Robinson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Staff reviewed instructions for members of the public to join and participate in the meeting via Zoom or telephone.

**2. Moment of Reflection**

Mayor Robinson called for a moment of reflection.

**4. Delegations/Presentations**

**4.1 Alex Neuman - Durham Homecoming 2022**

Mr. Alex Neuman, Chair of the Durham Homecoming 2022 Committee provided a review of the history of Durham and homecoming celebrations. He also reviewed a draft schedule of events planned for the

2022 homecoming. Mr. Neuman provided council with an overview of the draft budget and fundraising goals. Fundraising ideas include an accessible splash pad and a pavilion. The Committee is requesting that council appoint them as a committee of council, have the municipality provide financial support, insurance coverage, reduced rental fees, financial services and allow the committee to determine how profits will be distributed after the event.

## **5. Public Meetings**

**Resolution:** 325-2021

**Moved:** Deputy Mayor Hutchinson

**Seconded:** Councillor Hamilton

That West Grey council adjourns at 6:20 p.m. for the purpose of proceeding into a public meeting, pursuant to section 34 of the Planning Act to review a proposed amendment to West Grey zoning bylaw no. 37-2006.

**Disposition:** Carried

Council reconvened in the regular council meeting at 7:04 p.m.

## **6. Comment Period**

Staff reviewed instruction for members of the public to participate in comment period via Zoom or telephone.

Sue Papineau, resident, commented on the Parks and Garden Plan report, noting her dissatisfaction with the proposed plan to clean up the gardens and hoped to see a more comprehensive plan moving forward.

Marian Ratcliffe, resident, commented on item 10.1.2 noting that she is in favour of the recommendation to move forward with a dark sky policy and is disappointed with council's lack of support for environmental issues.

Marg Krauter, resident, commented on item 14, a notice of motion by Councillor Hamilton regarding training in Indigenous history and reconciliation, noting that this is not a priority for West Grey council and the cost and time should be considered. She also noted her dissatisfaction with staff reports.

Mayor Robinson advised that a report on concession 2 will be brought to a future meeting.

Bev Falco, resident, commented on item 10.1.2 regarding a dark sky policy stating that this is an issue that needs attention from council and staff.

Chris Palmer, resident, thanked staff and council for receiving his correspondence regarding a dark sky policy.

## 7. Unfinished Business

### 7.1 Closed Session - June 1, 2021

**Resolution:** 326-2021

**Moved:** Councillor Hamilton

**Seconded:** Deputy Mayor Hutchinson

That the Council of the Municipality of West Grey does now go into a closed session at 7:23 p.m., with the CAO, Director of Administration/Clerk and Director of Finance/Treasurer for the purpose of addressing personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees; matters pertaining to a position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality or local board; and to receive information explicitly supplied in confidence to the municipality or local board by Canada, a province or a Crown agency of any of them.

**Disposition: Carried**

### 7.2 Report from Closed Session - June 1, 2021

Mayor Robinson reported that in closed session council addressed personal matters about an identifiable individual, matters pertaining to a plan, or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality, and received information explicitly supplied in confidence to the municipality by Canada, a province or a Crown agency of any of them and provided direction to staff.

**Resolution:** 327-2021

**Moved:** Councillor Hutchinson

**Seconded:** Deputy Mayor Hutchinson

That council hereby appoints Steven Morel to the West Grey Economic Development Committee.

**Disposition: Carried**

Council recessed at 8:20 p.m. Council reconvened at 8:35 p.m.

## **8. Adoption of Minutes**

### **8.1 Minutes - Council meeting June 1, 2021**

Clerk Scharback noted that the June 1 council meeting minutes have been amended to correct the spelling of Marian Ratcliff's name and to note that Mayor Robinson called for a recorded vote for item 9.1.

### **8.2 Minutes - Public meeting June 1, 2021**

**Resolution:** 328-2021

**Moved:** Councillor Hamilton

**Seconded:** Deputy Mayor Hutchinson

That council hereby adopts the minutes of the regular council meeting and the public meeting of June 1, 2021, as amended.

**Disposition: Carried**

## **9. Committee and Board Reports**

### **9.1 Accessibility Advisory Committee - Minutes of April 28 and June 2, 2021**

**Resolution:** 329-2021

**Moved:** Councillor Shea

**Seconded:** Councillor Hamilton

That council hereby approves the West Grey Local Accessibility Advisory Committee's recommendation that a letter of appreciation be sent to Elephant Thoughts for their meaningful work addressing accessibility in their programming in our community.

**Disposition: Carried**

**Resolution:** 330-2021

**Moved:** Councillor Townsend

**Seconded:** Councillor Shea

That council hereby approves the West Grey Local Accessibility Advisory Committee's recommendation that West Grey Council consider appointing a new member to the committee to replace a recent vacancy.

**Disposition: Carried**

**9.2 Commercial Beautification Committee - Minutes of January 21 and May 27, 2021**

Councillor Hutchinson noted that we were not successful in receiving tenders to replace the railing on the bridge so flowers shall be placed on the existing railing on the bridge.

**9.3 Durham BIA Executive - Minutes of May 27, 2021**

**9.4 Elmwood Community Centre Board - Minutes of May 4, 2021**

Deputy Mayor Hutchinson noted that the Water Resources Committee met this morning at the Upper Dam. Their recommendations will be provided to Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority for consideration.

**Resolution:** 331-2021

**Moved:** Deputy Mayor Hutchinson

**Seconded:** Councillor Hamilton

That the minutes and reports of the committees and boards be received.

**Disposition:** Carried

**10. Correspondence**

**10.1 Items requiring action**

**10.1.1 Alex Neuman, Homecoming Committee - Request for Committee of Council and Funding**

Mr. Neuman provided a detailed presentation of the Homecoming Committee's work and plans for the 2022 Durham Homecoming.

Staff will work with the committee to bring back committee appointment information to council.

**Resolution:** 332-2021

**Moved:** Councillor Townsend

**Seconded:** Councillor Hutchinson

That West Grey council hereby supports the 2022 Durham Homecoming Committee by:

a) appointing a 2022 Durham Homecoming Committee of council at a future council meeting;

b) providing financial support in the form of an interest free loan for the amount of \$50,000.00; and

c) providing reduced rental fees for facilities used to operate Durham Homecoming 2022 and events leading up to homecoming.

**Disposition: Carried**

#### **10.1.2 Chris Palmer - Dark Sky Considerations**

**Resolution:** 333-2022

**Moved:** Councillor Hamilton

**Seconded:** Deputy Mayor Hutchinson

That staff receive the comments for the Official Plan and Broos Subdivision; and

That a staff report be brought to a future meeting regarding Dark Sky policy options for corporate infrastructure, new development and electronic signs in West Grey.

**Disposition: Carried**

Councillor Shea requested that this report be prepared in consultation with the Dark Sky Committee.

#### **10.1.3 Larry Murray - Request Speed Bump**

**Resolution:** 334-2021

**Moved:** Councillor Townsend

**Seconded:** Councillor Hutchinson

That this matter be deferred to staff to investigate the concerns raised and advise council of the outcome.

**Disposition: Carried**

### **10.2 Items for information**

**10.2.1 Alex Neuman, Homecoming Committee - West Grey Parks**

**10.2.2 Debi Dillabough - West Grey Parks**

**10.2.3 Durham Horticultural Society - West Grey Parks**

**Resolution:** 335-2021

**Moved:** Councillor Hutchinson

**Seconded:** Deputy Mayor Hutchinson

That all correspondence items not otherwise dealt are hereby received.

**Disposition: Carried**

## **11. Staff Reports**

### **11.1 Director of Infrastructure and Public Works**

#### **11.1.1 Connecting Links Program: Garafraxa Street bridge**

**Resolution:** 336-2021

**Moved:** Deputy Mayor Hutchinson

**Seconded:** Councillor Shea

That council receive report CAO – Connecting Links Program, Garafraxa Street bridge for information.

**Disposition: Carried**

#### **11.1.2 West Grey Parks and Garden Plan**

Mayor Robinson passed the chair to Deputy Mayor Hutchinson at 9:40 p.m. to speak to this matter.

**Resolution:** 337-2021

**Moved:** Councillor Shea

**Seconded:** Councillor Hamilton

That council receive the West Grey Parks and Gardens Plan for information; and

That council authorize staff to proceed with the Parks and Garden Plan for 2021 recognizing a potential budget variance to complete the plan.

**Disposition: Carried**

Deputy Mayor Hutchinson passed the chair back to Mayor Robinson.

**Resolution:** 338-2021

**Moved:** Councillor Townsend

**Seconded:** Councillor Hutchinson

That council proceeds past curfew to 10:30 p.m. to address remaining matters on the agenda.

**Disposition: Carried**

## **11.2 Director of Finance/Treasurer**

### **11.2.1 Water and Sewer Rates Update**

**Resolution:** 339-2021

**Moved:** Councillor Hamilton

**Seconded:** Councillor Shea

That the motion to receive the report and prepare a bylaw to update water and sewer rates be amended to include that the bylaw be prepared to move to the full recommended rate effective third quarter of 2021, thus eliminating the need for two increases in one year.

**Disposition: Carried**

## **11.3 Manager of Planning and Development**

### **11.3.1 Z03-2021 - Russell Update**

**Resolution:** 340-2021

**Moved:** Councillor Townsend

**Seconded:** Councillor Hutchinson

THAT Council receive Planner Spencer's updated report regarding Z03.2021, consider the comments received and consider the bylaw in the bylaw section of the agenda.

**Disposition: Carried**

## **12. Questions**

Councillor Townsend forwarded correspondence regarding Bill C-41 regarding hand gun control legislation to the clerk. She will forward it to all of council in the next correspondence report.

## **13. Bylaws**

### **13.1 Bylaw 35-2021 - Zoning Amendment - Russell**

**Resolution:** 341-2021

**Moved:** Deputy Mayor Hutchinson

**Seconded:** Councillor Townsend

That bylaw No. 35-2021, being a bylaw to amend West Grey zoning bylaw No. 37-2006, be read a first, second and third and final time.

**Disposition: Carried**

**13.2 Bylaw 48-2021 - Transfer Payment Agreement with Grey Highlands for Boundary Road Paving**

**Resolution:** 342-2021

**Moved:** Councillor Shea

**Seconded:** Councillor Hamilton

That bylaw No. 48-2021, being a bylaw to authorize a transfer payment agreement with the Municipality of Grey Highlands, be read a first, second and third and final time.

**Disposition: Carried**

**13.3 Bylaw 49-2021 - Zoning Amendment - DJ Land Developments Ltd.**

**Resolution:** 343-2021

**Moved:** Deputy Mayor Hutchinson

**Seconded:** Councillor Hutchinson

That bylaw No. 49-2021, being a bylaw to amend West Grey zoning bylaw No. 37-2006, as amended by adding " That these lands shall be subject to site plan control" to the enactment section, be read a first, second and third and final time.

**Disposition: Carried**

**13.4 Bylaw 50-2021 - Confirming**

**Resolution:** 344-2021

**Moved:** Councillor Hamilton

**Seconded:** Councillor Townsend

That bylaw No. 50-2021, being a bylaw to confirm the proceedings of council, be read a first, second and third and final time.

**Disposition: Carried**

**14. New Business**

**14.1 Notice of Motion - Training**

**Resolution:** 345-2021

**Moved:** Councillor Hamilton

**Seconded:** Councillor Shea

Whereas in July 2020 the Council of the Municipality of West Grey made a commitment to "actively work towards anti-racism and anti-oppression at every opportunity beginning with annual training for council, committee members, and employees for anti-racism, anti-oppression, diversity and inclusion, and the history of Aboriginal peoples"; and

Whereas the report by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada contains 'Calls to Action' several of which are actionable by local governments including Call 57: "We call upon federal, provincial, territorial, and municipal governments to provide education to public servants on the history of Aboriginal peoples, including the history and legacy of residential schools, the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, Treaties and Aboriginal rights, Indigenous law, and Aboriginal–Crown relations. This will require skills-based training in intercultural competency, conflict resolution, human rights, and anti-racism."

Therefore be it resolved that the 2021 annual training program include education on the history of indigenous people.

**Disposition: Defeated**

## 18. Adjournment

**Resolution:** 346-2021

**Moved:** Deputy Mayor Hutchinson

**Seconded:** Councillor Townsend

That we do now adjourn at 11 p.m. to meet again on July 6, 2021 at 9 a.m. or at the call of the chair.

**Disposition: Carried.**

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Mayor Christine Robinson

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Clerk Genevieve Scharback